Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

1. Ask ye what great thing I know, that delights and stirs me so? What the high reward I win? Whose the name I glorify in? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

2. Who defeats my fiercest foes? Who consoles my saddest woes? Who revives my fainting heart, healing all its ills? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

3. Who is life in life to me? Who will place me on his right? Who will place me in his safety? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

4. This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so: faith in him who died to save, him who triumphed over the grave: Jesus Christ, the crucified.

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